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12. A method for compressing a digital image  
comprising a matrix of elements, each element comprising at  
least one digital component for representing a pixel, the  
method comprising:

splitting the digital image into a plurality of  
blocks, and calculating for each block a group of discrete  
cosine transform (DCT) coefficients for the different types of  
components;

quantizing the DCT coefficients for each group using

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